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80UTH HAVEN FRAUDS.

A well-known detective agency has been looking up the land frauds at South Haven, Mich., and before long the people of that quiet town and its vicinity will have something to read which will interest them considerably. It appears that there is a regularly organized gang of land thieves, whose prey consists of the non-resident owners of lake shore and fruit property in the vicinity of South Haven,

These fellows have been in the habit Lake View High School addition. of fencing in land belonging to others. and then sneaking around to the township Collector and paying taxes on the same for the purpose of annoying reputable property owners and forcing them to "settle" with the thieves.

The principal offender is a banker well known in Van Buren County, who the Schiller Building. will probably be called upon to explain, under the conspiracy laws, his onnection with this enterprise.

Meanwhile people contemplating the purchase of property in South Haven and vicinity had better postpone their in fulfilling the contract for the car purchases till this report is published. The Eagle will see that it reaches every man, woman and child in Van Buren County, and in the meantime it will be glad to hear of all the shady real estate transactions that have occurred therenbouts.

If owners of real estate cannot protected in their rights in this part of Michigan, perhaps something can be done about it that will give the sharks and Shylocks of South Haven a wholesome respect for the law.

THE OUTRAGE ON ADOLF KRAUS.

The indictment of Adolf Kraus for alleged violation of the civil service law while acting as civil service commissloper, was as great an outrage as was ever perpetrated on a human being. If Mr. Kraus had any fault as civil service commissioner it was that he

His high character and peerless name in this community will not suffer in the least from the slight put upon him. He will emerge from this trouble with clean skirts and an unblemished name.

THE LIABILITY OF MERCANTILE AGENCIES.

Commercial circles are much interested in the suit filed by S. F. Gilman of Omaha against R. G. Dun & Co. The amount at issue is small, \$206, but the side questions involved make the litigation the most important that has developed in the West for a number of vears.

The petition in the District Court filed by Gilman, a local jobber, relates that mercantile house of Hiawatha, Kan., applied to him for a bill of goods on sixty days' time. He had done no business with the Hiawatha merchant previously and desiring to know his financial responsibility applied to Dun for a rating. The petition alleges that Gilto ratings from any source of the United States. The rating furnished Gilman on this application indicated that the Hiawatha firm was in excellent standing and that credit could be ex-

tended to the extent of \$50,000. At the expiration of the sixty days, after the bill was sold the merchant, he refused to pay. Gilman alleges that on investigation he found that the Hiawatha merchant was judgment proof and would pay nothing; neither could he be forced to pay anything. The petition further alleges that the firm of qualified for the position." makes itself inferentially liable for the accuracy of the reports furnished its members; that it is financially responsible for the same and that any loss sustained by members of the credit company by reason of the inaccuracy of the ratings furnished members must be borne by Dun.

The agent of R. G. Dun & Co. refuse to speak on the subject, referring the matter to the company's attorney. This is the view the lawyer takes of the situation:

"R. G. Dun & Co. take the position that the reports it furnishes are absolutely correct, and that no mistake has been made in this case. I have not had time to go into the merits of this particular case, however, but if any loss was sustained it was not due to the failure of the Dun company to perform its contract with Mr. Gilman. However, from the very nature of the business of credit rating companies, they could not be held financially responsible for losses of customers except in so far as these losses were sustained as a result of the negligence of the credit company.

"The company merely undertakes to furnish this information to the best of its ability. The truth can only be arrived at by known and proved methods. Of course the agents of the company can be and are imposed upon occasionally. Certainly no court would hold a credit company responsible when it does the best it can and all that is usual in such cases. I am sure the case will be found favorable to the com-

pany I represent." Many lawyers of Omaha assert that if the law and the courts should favor Gilman in this case, such companies as Bradstreet's, Dun, Snow, Church & Co. and many other similar firms would be driven out of business and great confusion would result in the mercantile world. The case will not come to a trial for several months. It is attracting much attention in commercial circles, particularly as there are numer ous firms who have suffered loss at some time or another by reason of an alleged good rating proving very bad. All these will sue to recover from the credit companies if Gilman wins his

BOARD OF EDUCATION KICK.

Trustee Gallagher of the Board of Education told the Buildings and Grounds Committee at a meeting Wednesday afternoon that the board was violating the law when it spent more for a building than the amount of the appropriation allowed by the Council. He said that the board had been guilty of this offense when it let the contract for the addition to the Lake View High School. The Council appropriated \$80,-000 for the building. The contract calls for the expenditure of \$94,000.

Trustee Gallagher said that any citizen would have the right to stop work,

to collect the money. He also said that the City Controller could stop payments to make the recommendation for the erection of a twelve-room addition to had been appropriated, without knowing whether the bids came within that bids. In explanation the trustees said an additional appropriation for the

The committee decided to ask for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of a twelve-room addition to the Charles Warrington Earle School, 61st street and Hermitage avenue. The

It was decided to recommend that the Congress Construction Company be not allowed to bid on work for the board again. The action grew out of the alleged dereliction of the company pentery work in the Beale School.

CALHOUN'S SELECTION PLEASES CHICAGOANS.

Railway officials in Chicago profess to be much pleased over the appointment of William J. Calboun as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Chairman Midgley of the Western Joint Traffic Bureau, when informed of Mr. Calhoun's appointment, said: "It is the best that could have been made from this State. I would have preferred a first-class railroad man on the commission, one who has practical experience in operating and traffic affairs, but as the President insists upon appointing only lawyers, an able lawyer like Mr. Calhoun is the next best thing. It is certainly better than to have a man from the East. Mr. Calhoun will give character and add was too conscientious in the discharge strength to the commission."

Paul Morton, Vice President of the Santa Fe, said: "I don't know Mr. Calhoun, but from what I have heard he is a good man for the place. It is a most excellent appointment, and it strengthens the commission. I am delighted that an Milnols man has been appointed."

A. J. Earling, Vice President of the Milwaukee and St. Paul, said: "Mr. Calhoun is one of the most capable men who could have been selected to fill the position. He is eminently qualified for the place, and the President could not have selected a man who would be more satisfactory to Western Railway interests."

Vice President Truesdale, of the Rock Island, said: "I have always heard Mr. Oalhoun highly spoken of as a lawyer and a man. I think it is as good an appointment as could have been made. Glad to have another Western man on the commission." General Passenger Agent Eustis of the Burlington said: "I am glad the

President has appointed a man who has man was a Dun subscriber and entitled a knowledge of the Western railway Chairman B. D. Caldwell of the Western Passenger Association said:

"Don't know the man, but am particularly gratified that the President has appointed an Illinois man." John Sebastian, General Passenger Agent of the Rock Island, said: "Mr. Calhoun ought to be well-informed about the exigencies existing in the West. I think he will be as aceptable to the railroads as any man who could

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have been chosen. He is certainly well

Mayor Harrison won his fight in the Finance Committee for fixed salaries for police magistrates. The committee was in session less than a half-hour, but in that time it ended the fight waged by the Mayor and the Comptroller in favor of fixed salaries and the return to the city of all bail-bond fees. Not only was the question settled, but

the amount of compensation for the different magistrates was specifically fixed. Those in the old towns-north south and west-will receive \$5,400 a year. Those in the new or annexed towns, which include all now inside the corporate limits save the life men-tioned, are to receive \$4,000 year. A plan to have three magistrates at Harrison street station, each to serve eigh hours during the day, is being considered.

The following magistrates will re ceive \$5,400 each: Justice Martin and Justice Foster

Harrison Street Station Justice Eberhardt and Justice Dooley -Maxwell Street Station Justice Doyle and Justice Sabath

Despinines Street Station. Justice Severson and Justice O'Dono ue-West Chicago Avenue Station. Justice Kersten-Chicago Avenu

Justice Hall and Justice Wallace Thirty-fifth Street Station. The following will receive \$4,000

Justice Quinn-Hyde Park Station. Justice Polite-South Chicago Sta-

Justice Fitzgerald—Stockyards

Justice Schulte-Englewood Station. Justice Mahoney—Sheffield Avenue Station. Justice Edgar-Logan Square.

TO EXTEND FREE DELIVERY IN CHI-CAGO.

A Washington dispatch says: "Postmaster Gordon, who has been

ere for several days on matters connected with the postoffice at Chicago. will start homeward on Saturday, having accomplished about all he came to Washington for. One of the results of his visit to headquarters will be the extension of the free delivery service, both as to collections and deliveries over nineteen miles of additional territory, which will include Irving and Jefferson Parks, Chicago Lawn, South Lynn, Mayfair, Pullman and West Pullman. A recommendation to this effect was made in regard to these places several months ago, but owing to the state of postal finances it could not be granted. Another new feature to be established at the home office relates to the special delivery service, which will hereafter be performed by messenger and the contractors would be unable boys instead of by substitute letter car- tion. A fight upon him is threatened sociates say that if Van Praag should cided on whom you think is the safest in bars. NEVER in chips.

on the vouchers. The committee was Station M, now at Cottage Grove avenue and Thirty-seventh street, will be located at Fortleth street and Cottage finest substation in the city will be ready for occupancy. The station now amount, but changed the motion and at Blue Island avenue and Eighteenth ordered the architect to inbulate the street will be moved to the intersection of Loomis and Eighteenth streets, and the board had recommended asking Blue Island avenue and Washington Heights will have a new station about May 1 of this year. There are other details which will be carried out after the return of Mr. Gordon to Chleago, but those cited are the most important recommendations which have met with the approval of the postal authorities committee will recommend releasing at Washington. There was quite a for another year the present office in large appropriation made for other service when it should become necessary, and every cent will be utilized before the close of the fiscal year-June 30, 1808."

CANDIDATES FOR STATE TREAS-URER.

It is said that Col. Thomas W. Scott of Fairfield, Wayne County, will be a candidate for State Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican State convention. Several counties in south ern Illinois have already instructed their delegates to support him. Col. Scott was a year ago prominently mentioned as a member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, and his appolutment to one of those positions was regarded as near a certainty as anything could be in politics. Col. Scott had been a lifelong friend of Gov. Tanner, and was one of the Governor's stanch supporters in every contest the executive made for himself and his friends, Gov. Tanner appointed Charles 8. Rannells of Jacksonville to the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and gave Col. Scott one of the commissionerships of the Southern penitentiary. Col. Scott is an exceedingly prosperous, thorough-going business man.

Sangamon County may present the name of Floyd K. Whittemore. He has been asked by a number of Republicans to become a candidate, and has the matter under advisement. Mr. Whittenore went to Springfield from his home in De Kalb County as assistant to Mr. Beveridge, who was at the time State Treasurer. He remained in the office quite a number of years, resigning his position to accept the cashlership of the State National Bank of Springfield. He was Gov. Tanner's assistant when he was subtreasurer of Chicago, and was assistant treasurer of State under Henry Wulff. State Treasurer Hertz gladly retained Mr. Whittemore as his assist ant.

Whittemere, like Scott, is an ardent Tanner man, and the friends of the State administration in the convention vould be at a loss to decide between them. There was some talk a few weeks ago that Railroad Commissioner Bidwill of Cook might be a candidate, but Mr. Bidwill's friends promptly dispelled the rumor by denying it.

POLICYHOLDERS ARE ANXIOUS.

Chicago life insurance offices have peen visited by anxious patriots holding policies in the companies eager to learn what extra premiums they would be called upon to pay if they should enlist in case of war with Spain. As in New York, the reply has generally been that an extra premium, probably 5 per cent., would be required, although as a rule it has been stated that no decision New York Life was the exception, the statement being made that no extra emium would be required.

At the office of the Northwestern Mutual Life it was said about the provision about engaging in war was restricted to the first two years of the life of a

policy, after which the holder was free. There are more inquiries from prospective Klondikers than soldiers and here also there is a disposition to demand an added pramium. Some of the companies insist upon full particulars regarding the plans of the gold seekers and if it appears they are contemplating embarking in the saloon, dance hall, or similar enterprises they are told their polices will be revoked.

THE CHICAGO BANKS 80LID.

The Chicago national banks make at excellent showing in their statements just published. They report loans and discounts aggregating \$100,847,676, as compared with \$90,113,002 in December, an increase of more than \$10,000,-000. There is now due them from other national banks, exclusive of reserve agents, \$25,509,735, as compared with \$21,701,218 two months ago. From State banks there is due \$8,584,355, against \$8,580,963 in December. The local banks now hold \$15,134,895

in gold, \$3,148,050 in gold certificates and \$3,493,849 in silver certificates, compared with \$14,537,237 in gold, \$2,-891,150 in gold certificates and \$2,768, 040 in silver and silver certificates two months ago. The individual deposits, which are always looked upon as a reliable indication of the general business situation, also point toward prosperity. They now aggregate \$80,947,011. against \$73,640,923 in December.

GOOD COAL FOR THE 8CHOOLS.

Investigation develops the fact that the School Board was never so well served in the matter of coal as it is at the present time. The coal is up to contract grade and even a little better than is called for. The junitors and engineers report less trouble with their coal this year than ever before.

IN ALD. BUTLER'S WARD.

Ald. Butler has been a member of the City Council for the last four years. His record during that time has been everything that honest citizens could desire. Surely in such an emergency as the present the voters of the Twen ty-seventh ward ought not to tolerate the idea of sending to the Council in place of Ald. Butler an untried man. Every consideration of gratitude for faithful service requires Ald. Butler's re-election. The welfare of the public demands his presence in the Council chamber during the coming two years. The leading men of the Twenty-seventh ward desire Ald. Butler's re-elec-

riers as at present. This change will at the Republican primaries, however, go into effect the first of next month. and it is necessary for good citizens to exert themselves in Ald. Butler's behalf in order that he may not fall of renomination. The re-election of this the Farren School, for which \$40,000 Grove avenue after July 1, where the faithful public servant should be made sure by his renomination at the Republican primaries.

OBITUARY.

Olivia A. L. Blume. Olivia A. L. Blume, wife of Justice Jarvis Blume, died Wednesday at the boulevard. Mrs. Blume was a member of the Little family of Littleton, N. H. and her great-grandfather was earl of Londonderry, Ireland. She was born in 1851 and served as a public school tencher in Boston, Chicago and Des Moines, Iowa. In the latter town she was principal of a public school at the time of her marriage to Mr. Blume in 1876. She leaves one daughter, Miss May Blume.

The date of the funeral, which was a first announced for Saturday, was changed to Friday. The burial service was held at the Washington boulevard residence, and was conducted by Rev. W. C. De Witt, pastor of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Interment was a

John T. O'Malley. The funeral of the late John T. O'Maley, the well-known North-Sider and ousin of Senator John F. O'Malley, occurred on Wednesday from the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Without exaggeration, it was the largest private funeral seen on the North Side for many a day.

EAGLETS.

If the Democrats of the Twentieth ward want to name a winner they will nominate Mr. Charles F. Brown for alderman. He is one of the best-known and most highly respected business men of the ward, a man of sterling integrity and possessing enough backbone to properly represent the ward in the City Council if elected to the office. Mr. Brown is 36 years of age, and was born in the Twenty-second ward in 1862. He is a typical Chicago citizen and stands well in the business community at large. He has been engaged in the storage and teaming business for eighteen years, for the past ten years in the Twentieth ward. He does a business second to no one in his line in Chicago, and is well known by almost every business man in his ward. Mr. Brown is an old resident and one of the largest property owners in the Twentieth ward. He is a hustler from the word go, and by hard work and honest business dealings has amassed a competency, and is to-day known as one of the foremost, most solid and substantial business men of his ward. He is well liked by all with whom he comes in contact, on account of his genial disposition, and mild and unassuming manners. If the voters of the Twentieth ward lose the opportunity of having such a representative as Chas. F. Brown in the City Council, when he is willing to go to the front in the interest of the taxpayers, they will make a great mistake, for it's high time they elected a man of brains and ability. Nominate Brown and you will have just the man you want, for he will win, as he will command the suffrages of the best voters of the ward, and will receive the solid backing of the Municipal Voters' League, the Civic Federation and the Citizens' Association.

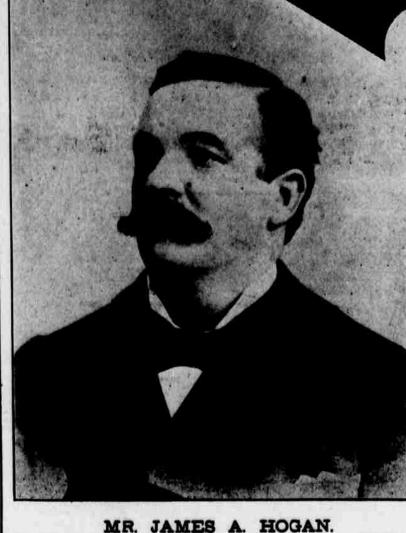
campaign begin to indicate the nomination of a Third Ward man for Assesso on the Republican ticket. A story was given out the other day that arrangements have been made which assure the nomination of certain aldermanic candidates satisfactory to the Municipal Voters' League and give this particular ward the Assessor, provided it presents the right man. It was an nounced that the principal candidates are James A. Hogan, Benjamin R. De Young and ex-Alderman Edward Marrenner. David E. Shanahan declared there was nothing in the story of his candidacy.

Republicans will probably nominate J. H. Campbell for alderman in the Eleventh Ward.

A. H. Darrow, who is seeking the Republican nomination in the Twelfth Ward, is making a lively canvas and s spending money in a way that makes the eyes of the Twelfth-Ward ers bulge. Men are paid \$10 and \$15 : day, it is said, to carry dodgers and go from house to house. In one instance \$500 is said to have been put in the hands of one man for use in the saoons. Mrs. Darrow is taking as much nterest in the campaign as her husband. She rides about in a carriage and assists him, and when the latter is occupied she even does a little political work on her own account. There are half a dozen Darrow headquarters now in the ward and his workers are mak As the game goes on the complex sit

nation is becoming more clear. As explained by a man who is pretty well on the inside, it stands about like this: Darrow is being supported by Fred Blount, who represents in the Twelfth Ward the Lorimer-Tanner Republican machine. In return for the aid of Blount, Homer Galpin, the West Park Board, and the Republican machine forces, Mr. Darrow will, if elected, help to deliver to Blount the delegates to the State convention. These are desired, not so much for their influence in the selection of a State Treasurer next fall as for their belp in enabling Governor Tanner to control the State com mittee. It is the latter body that will be heard from when it comes to seeking the nonfination for Governor in 1900. So Tanner's plans for a renom ination are already felt in the aldermanic campaign in the Twelfth Ward.

In the language of one of his bes friends, "the 'Bath House' has a peach of a fight on his hands this spring." Against him are arrayed the united Skakel-Van Praag forces, who are eager to get the political scalp of the First ward alderman. They are after him in full cry this year, and they are willing to work and vote for any man who seems to have any chance of winning at the polls. Sol Van Praag's as-



The Leading Republican Candidate for South Town Assessor.

ome out as an anti-Coughlin candidate

primary election day in the First ward would be one of the old-timers. A new combination was worked out recently by Ald. Coughlin's opponents. it was decided to bring out ex-Aid.

'Nick" Cremer as a candidate. Several Republican leaders of the First ward were asked to hold off putting up a Republican until it was ascertained how the new combination worked out. If it was found that Cremer might win then Republicans and anti-Coughlin Democrats would "harmonize" on Cremer. But the Republicans treated this proposition with scant courtesy. Many Re publicans are heartly in favor of backing up D. D. Clemence, manager of the Wyoming Hotel, who has been indorsed by the Municipal Voters' League and the citizens' party. He is putting up a fight on lines much different from those usually followed by candidates who come generally under the head of "re-He is preparing to fight Coughlin with his own weapons.

If the Cremer combination does not work out and the Republicans decide to stand by Mr. Clemence it is probable that the Skakel-Van Prang men will vote for him. Mr. Clemence has decided to run as an independent and not as a Republican. This will let the anti-Coughlin Democrats in without hurting their partisan feelings. The Clemence party have opened headquarters at 462 State street.

Coughlin has rented nearly every vacant store in his ward, and it is said he has rented a score or more of basements which he intends to turn into "voters" hotels." The Clemence men are watching him closely and have engaged attorneys to prosecute all violations of Dr. "Hermi knows every foot of the First ward, is Mr. Clemence's campaign manager, and this fact alone has frightened the Coughlin men.

John S. Butler will be the Democratic candidate for alderman in the Twentyfifth ward.

Frederick H. Wickett is a strong probability for judge of the Superior Court. So is Hon. F. S. Baird of the Thirteenth ward.

At 1073 West Madison is a store room with a senting capacity of twenty-four persons. Aleck Darrow had a meeting there Tuesday night, and Twelfth-Warders are still laughing at the account in the dailies of the Darrow "overflow" meeting held at this point.

Twelfth Ward will be completed during the summer. An ordinance for esentation in the Council providing for the paving with asphalt of West Madison street between Western avenue and 40th street is being agitated. In addition to this City Electrician El licott has agreed to expend \$25,000 in putting in 235 new are lights, and work will be begun next week. The streets now lighted with gas which are to be changed to electricity are: Madison street, between Western ave

nue and 40th street. Harrison street, between Paulina and 40th streets. Van Buren street, between Paulina

and 40th streets. Western avenue, California avenue and Kedzie avenue, between Lake and 12th streets. Colorado avenue, between California

avenue and 40th street.

Willis G. Jackson has formally con-

sented to stand as a candidate for Al derman at the Republican primaries of the Twelfth Ward. In his letter in which he consents to be a candidate Mr. Jackson closes as follows: "I shall remain a candidate until the

close of the Aldermanic convention. I am and shall be a candidate in no other way except as the Republican nominee. It is more than probable that the next Council will have to decide on questions of vital interest to every citizen of Chicago and his children after him. There should be no sentiment in selecting an Alderman. His action may make your property worth more or less, your business better or poorer. I therefore say to the Republican voters of the Twelfth Ward, it is your duty to spend the time necessary, even if you have to give up a day to it, to find out who the candidates are to be, then learn all you can about them, their past record as to taking an interest in good government, the class of men who are supporting them as candidates, etc. Then, having de-

man with whom to intrust your int ests, not only go to the primaries, there the next Alderman will undou edly be selected, but see that there i delegate ticket there in his interst you to vote when you get there." An amicable adjustment of the

ferences existing between the Eleve

Ward Republican Club and the El enth Ward Republican League resul from a conference held at the cl rooms, 9 South Latin street, Wedt day evening. President George Mas Treasurer W. H. Alsip, and four dis tors of the league, it is said, signed roll of the word club. The official ticket which will be vo

without opposition, it is said, at the nual election of the Hamilton C next Monday night at its new quart 114 Madison street, when the club celebrate the opening of its hands new home, is as follows: For President, Hope Reed Cody;

second Vice President, A. V. Lee, cob Newman; for Treasurer, L. A. G dard; for directors (five to be elect E. L. Barber, E. R. Bliss, H. C. Belt A. W. Clancy, J. C. Everett, W. Gemmill, E. A. Munger, S. M. Par Oliver Sollitt; for members of Polit Action Committee (two to be elect J. R. Burres, W. S. Elliott, John Hamline, Robert H. Wiles.

There will also be a revision of by-laws voted upon concerning manner of future elections.

The phalanxes of chairs and the bles that sprawled on their backs the new club-rooms gave notice of coming later in the day of the furnit and belongings from the old quart 3016 Lake Park avenue. There wa cession of men with paint pots lumber filing out the doors. It is tended that the rooms shall be used political as well as social purposes, the assembly room is resigned for t purpose ,as the long billiard room dining hall are intended for ends vivial.

When Rudolph McCabe McGuire 1 erson, of the Clifton House, tack United States Senator Tillman, Senator squelched him instanter, simply running one tine of his pitchf through the center of Rudolph's at

Gov. Tanner has reappointed Hon . Graham a member of the board West Park Commissioners. Right ; are, Governor.

Mr. Charles P. Huey, the well-kno lawyer, in the Reaper Block, has b selected by the Democrats of the T ty-fourth Ward as their candidate Alderman. Mr. Huey is a gentler of high moral character, and one of finest orators in the West. He will up a good fight, and certainly looks

Hon. G. W. Kunstman would make strong Republican candidate for derman of the Ninth Ward.

W. D. Kent, of the Eleventh in desperate strafts because the Rep lican nomination for Alderman sec so far away from him.

Geo. F. Gilbert, James Kents, W. Baker and John J. Morrison are all to ed of by Republicans for West To Assessor. But in the event of ' Ryan's securing the Democratic no nation, not one of the above-nar statesmen cares to offer himself up a sacrifice.

If James A. Hogan declines to for South Town Assessor, H. G. F. man may be the Republican nomin

D. D. Clemence, the independent, v is thus far the leading opponent Bathhouse Coughlin in the First Wa has opened headquarters at 462 St street. Headquarters for the a Coughlin Italians will be opened at of 400 Clark street. An independ Italian club has already been organi with 250 members and another in pendent club with 200 members holding regular meetings at 461 St

John H. Colvin looks like a winner the Twenty-second Ward.

Price has been reduced on the or nal, old-fashioned Dobbins' Elect Soap, so that it can now be bought 8 cents a bar, two bars for 15 cer Remember, Dobbins' Soap is sold o